

TSA PROCUREMENT REFORM: SAVING TAXPAYER DOLLARS THROUGH SMARTER SPENDING PRACTICES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA Procurement Reform: Saving Taxpayer Dollars Through Smarter Spending Practices”. Testimony was heard from Karen Shelton Waters, Assistant Administrator, Office of Acquisition, Transportation Security Administration; Paul Benda, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Stephen M. Lord, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office; and Charles K. Edwards, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

DOI HYDRAULIC FRACTURING RULE: A RECIPE FOR GOVERNMENT WASTE, DUPLICATION AND DELAY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “DOI Hydraulic Fracturing Rule: A Recipe for Government Waste, Duplication and Delay”. Testimony was heard from Alan Olson, Montana State Senate, Chairman, Senate Energy and Telecommunication Committee; Lynn D. Helms, Director, North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources; and public witnesses.

BENGHAZI: EXPOSING FAILURE AND RECOGNIZING COURAGE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Benghazi: Exposing Failure and Recognizing Courage”. Testimony was heard from Mark Thompson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW: HAVE EXISTING REGULATORY BURDENS ON SMALL BUSINESSES BEEN REDUCED

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Retrospective Review: Have Existing Regulatory Burdens on Small Businesses Been Reduced?”. Testimony was heard from Polly Trottenberg, Under Secretary for Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation; Jeanne Hult, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration; and Cheryl Cook, Chief Information Officer, Department of Agriculture.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on the following measures: H.R. 671, the “Ruth Moore Act of 2013”; H.R. 1405, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary

of Veterans Affairs to include an appeals form in any notice of decision issued for the denial of a benefit sought; H.R. 570, the “American Heroes COLA Act”; H.R. 1412, the “Improving Job Opportunities for Veterans Act of 2013”; H.R. 357, the “GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013”; and H.R. 602, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”. The following measures were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 671; H.R. 1405; H.R. 1412; and H.R. 357. The following measures were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 570; and H.R. 602.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES COMPLIANCE PROJECT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Internal Revenue Service's Colleges and Universities Compliance Project”. Testimony was heard from Lois Lerner, Director, Exempt Organizations Division, Internal Revenue Service.

Joint Meetings

IMMIGRATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine immigration and its contribution to our economic strength, after receiving testimony from Madeline Zavodny, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia; and Steven A. Camarota, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, D.C.

UKRAINE LEADERSHIP OF THE OSCE

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Ukraine's leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, focusing on finding new ways to address protracted regional conflicts, energy security, and human dimension issues such as human trafficking, tolerance, media freedom, democratic elections and election observation, and efforts to improve implementation of commitments regarding fundamental human rights and freedom, after receiving testimony from Leonid Kozhara, Foreign Minister of Ukraine and Chair-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Kyiv.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
MAY 9, 2013**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2014 for the Departments of Defense and Navy, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine ballistic missile defense policies and programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Regina McCarthy, of Massachusetts, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine pharmaceutical compounding, focusing on a proposed legislative solution, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 744, to provide for comprehensive immigration reform, and the nominations of Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Raymond T. Chen, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit, and Jennifer A. Dorsey, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Air Force Budget, 9:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request for Atomic Energy Defense Activities and Nuclear Forces Programs, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing entitled "American Energy Security and Innovation: Grid Reliability Challenges in a Shifting Energy Resource Landscape", 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International

Organizations, hearing entitled "Resolving International Parental Child Abductions to Non-Hague Convention Countries", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Boston Bombings: A First Look", 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 1825, to direct Federal public land management officials to exercise their authority under existing law to facilitate use of and access to Federal public lands for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, and for other purposes; H.R. 586, the "Denali National Park Improvement Act"; H.R. 995, the "Organ Mountains National Monument Establishment Act"; and H.R. 1411, the "California Coastal National Monument Expansion Act of 2013", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Federal Government Approaches to Issuing Biometric IDs", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled "Is OPM Processing Federal Worker Pension Claims on Time?", 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space; and Subcommittee on Research, hearing entitled "Exoplanet Discoveries: Have We Found Other Earths?", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Health and Technology, hearing entitled "The Health Insurance Fee: Impact on Small Businesses", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3, the "Northern Route Approval Act"; and H.R. 1092, to designate the air route traffic control center located in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Patricia Clark Boston Air Route Traffic Control Center", 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled "Letting Kids Be Kids: Balancing Safety with Opportunity for Foster Youth", 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Ongoing Intelligence Activities, 9 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.